FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE October 15, 2013

Contact: Shannon Kingery 402.471.2067 shannon.kingery@nebraska.gov

York County Man Sentenced 35 to 50 Years for Child Abuse Resulting in Death of 4-Month-Old Daughter

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced Ryan Kozisek, 31, of York County was sentenced 35 to 50 years in prison for one count of child abuse resulting in the death of his four-month-old daughter Kayley Kozisek. He was convicted by jury in January 2013 for the Class IB felony charge in York County District Court.

"Kayley Kozisek's life was cut tragically short by her abusive father," said Bruning. "Today's sentence is the appropriate penalty for this heartbreaking crime."

In January 2011, Kozisek claimed Kayley had stopped breathing after her two-year old sister fell on her. An autopsy showed multiple injuries that resulted in severe hemorrhaging and brain damage. The injuries were later determined to be the result of abusive head trauma.